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MACKEREL TRIPS AT NEWPORT.

Sch. Pontiac Has 2500 Large Fish and Sch. Speculator 800.

Vessels Getting Fancy Price at 25 Cents Per Fish.

Sch. Pontiac, Capt. Enos Nickerson, is certainly right in luck. On Tuesday she was in at Newport, R. I., with 40 barrels of fresh mackerel and today she is there again, this time with 2500 fresh mackerel in count.

Sch. Speculator, Capt. Rufus McKay, is also there with 800 fresh mackerel in count. The Speculator was the second vessel home from the Cape Shore this spring and went back for a second trip but found no fish and left there and went to the southward where she struck them right off.

It is supposed that both craft got their fares in the vicinity of the South Shoal lightship.

The Pontiac, which already has a stock of \$10,000 thus far this season, is in for a good little bit of money on this lot. The fish are selling at the big price of 25 cents each.

Sch. Actor, Capt. Frank Nolan, stocked \$3600 on her south mackerel netting trip, the crew sharing \$289.89.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, Capt. George Turner, has fitted and sailed on a North Bay mackerel netting trip.

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LIVE FISH AT SPLITTING PRICES

T Wharf Market Completely Demoralized.

Boston has her fill of fresh fish yesterday and today. When the bell rang yesterday morning, the crafts were two and three deep at the wharf, and there was about 800,000 pounds for sale. All day long more vessels kept coming, and this morning there is another fleet in, so that the receipts from yesterday morning to this morning aggregate fully 1,500,000 pounds.

Trade is more than dull and the market continues weak, so that this morning the dealers were offering only splitting prices for cod and haddock, a few haddock bringing 75 cents, and a few large hake at \$1.

Yesterday some of the Boston concerns wanted some fish to split, and the buyers say the fish were wanted at Gloucester also. They report that \$1.90 was offered for large cod, but that the Boston bid of \$1.75 for large and \$1.40 for mediums was taken by the skippers of three or four vessels in preference to coming to Gloucester to land.

Be that as it may, the flurry certainly had the effect of raising the splitting price of codfish for a time at least, for buyers claim today to have commissions to buy at \$1.80 for large and \$1.65 for markets, for Gloucester splitters.

This morning there are 20 trips at T wharf, all the way from 10,000 pounds to 78,000 pounds.

Among the large fares are schs. Mary DeCosta 52,000 pounds, Rose Dorothea 67,000 pounds, Richard 61,000 pounds, Regina 54,000 pounds.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Capt. Frank Cooney, went back at T wharf yesterday after another quick trip, with a large quantity of fish. On her last trip, Capt. Cooney's vessel stocked \$1500, and each of his men shared \$51, but with this trip, although it is as large as the other, the result will not be as satisfactory to the men.

The knockabout sch. Athena, Capt. Edward Forbes, was also in after a quick trip. Capt. Forbes arrived Tuesday late and sold while prices were good. His men shared \$29.25. This was a little better than on the previous trip, when they shared \$28.

In the last month Capt. Forbes' vessel has stocked \$3400 and his men have shared \$107 each.

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The crack schooner Jessie Costa met with an accident coming up Boston harbor yesterday morning that delayed her an hour. She was coming up in a light wind, and did not answer her helm properly, and ran on the mud flats at Bird Island. She stuck fast and had to wait for high tide to get off, and then it took the full pulling power of two towboats to get her off. She was not injured.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, Capt. John Atwood, came in Tuesday night with her foretopmast gone. This is the third foretopmast she has lost within a month or two.

The receipts in detail were as follows:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 21,000 cod.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 30,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, 35,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Cabral, 1000 haddock, 33,000 cod.
Sch. Quonnapowitt, 3500 haddock, 25,000 cod, 18,000 pollock.
Sch. Emilia Eros, 4000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 17,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 18,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Mary Edith, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Richard, 15,000 haddock, 46,000 cod.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita.
Sch. Bessie A., 40 bbls. porgies.
Sch. Galatea, 2000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Washakie, 19,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Regina, 15,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Sch. Tecumseh, 48 swordfish and 1400 lbs. tile fish.
Sch. Alcina, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 10,000 cod.
Haddock, 75 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.65 to \$1.75; market cod, \$1.40; hake, \$1 to \$1.40; pollock, 50 cts.; tile fish, \$1; swordfish, 14 1-2 cts. per lb.

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SECOND DORY HANDLINER HOME.

Thirteen Fishing Trips at This Port Today.

There is quite a lot of fish here today, some 13 trips of all kinds arriving since yesterday noon. Sch. Annie M. Parker, Capt. Angus Hines, one of the dory handline fleet, is the principal arrival with a fine fare, 240,000 pounds of salt cod, she being the second of the fleet to come home.

Capt. William Marchant's gasoliner came in last night with 6000 pounds of pollock and the steamers Bryda F. and Bessie A. have lots of porgies.

Two of the southern netters, schs. Lil Sch. M. Madeleine, south, netting, landing fresh mackerel at the Fort.

Sch. Kineo, which had such a fine halibut trip at Boston, towed to this port yesterday afternoon, to land 10,000 pounds of salt cod. Six of the market fleet also came down from Boston with from 20,000 to 50,000 pounds each of fresh fish for the splitters.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 240,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Kineo, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sloop Azorean, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Leo, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Lillian, south, netting, 500 fresh mackerel.
Lian and M. Madeleine are home, 300 fresh mackerel.
Steamer Bessie A., Shore, 40 bbls. porgies.
Steamer Bryda F., shore, 30 bbls. porgies.
Steamer Marchant, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.

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Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, seining.
Sch. Morning Star, seining.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, haddocking.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, haddocking.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage is on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Edward S. Eveleth is on Burnham's railways.

Sloop yacht Odessyus II. is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Halibut Sale.

Sch. Kineo got 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents per pound for gray at Boston yesterday. The vessel weighed off just a few pounds short of 40,000 pounds of halibut.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Atalanta passed Canso, N. S., bound to Arichat, C. B., on Monday.

Capt. John G. Stream of sch. Kineo reports speaking sch. Selma on Brown's Bank.

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MACKEREL FLEET IN BANK OF FOG.

Fish Expected to Show Up on Georges and in

Bay of Fundy.

Fresh Mackerel in Demand and Bringing High Prices.

It still looks dry in the mackerel situation, although Capt. Mallock, of schooner Indiana, who is reported at Boston this morning, reports seeing some wild schools on the Rips. Practically the whole mackerel seining fleet, some 70 or more vessels, are now operating in the vicinity of the South Shoal lightship and the Rips, although it is thought that a few are having a quiet look along the southern edge of Georges.

It is known that the fleet, for the past few days, has been up against a bank of fog, especially around the lightship, and it is hoped that better reports and results will follow the clearing away of this dense bank, although it is only what the skippers all look for about this time, in that region.

Practically the whole of the local southern mackerel netting fleet are now home and all of them are shifting over to swordfishing, thus adding to the already large fleet, which will be the largest in the history of the fishery in the chase of this gamy and dangerous fish.

Fresh mackerel are in big demand and the vessels coming in with small lots cannot come anywhere near supplying the demand. The freezer supply is being drawn on and none of the fleet are now expected until after the fourth.

Mackerel are showing up quite freely in Casco Bay, several barrels having been brought in at Portland Tuesday which were caught in the traps at Bailey's Island. The most encouraging feature of the catch is the fact that among them were a large proportion of small sized fish, which is looked on by the fishermen as an almost certain sign that large bodies of fish are coming on the coast and will be heard from later.

Capt. Frank Cooney of sch. Mary E. Cooney brought in a story that shows how far luck goes in fishing at T wharf. Last Sunday sch. Grayling, Capt. Joseph Smith, spoke him about 20 miles east of Chatham. An hour later he met a big school of mackerel following in the wake of the Grayling.

Fish Expected in Georges and in Bay of Fundy.

All the interested ones in the mackerel game, for game is must be called, as there is nothing in the fish line which approaches mackerel as a real gamble, are looking for reports from Georges and the farther end of the Bay of Fundy. Regarding the latter ground, there is some hope of some fish showing, if not now, a little later, as the Cape Shore schools struck well to the westward this year, and it may be that some went in that way, and also off Portland, some half sized fish are being taken, and have been, in small lots several weeks.

"Bay of Fundy year" means more to Gloucester than one can explain right off the reel. The fishing ground there is close to home and market, a more ideal place for fishing cannot be mentioned and it means, if the fish are

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there, big trips and many of them. But this, as is in prognostication and deduction in the mackerel line, is liable to be wide, very wide of the mark. Nevertheless we are all hoping and that is as far as we can go. The crew of sch. Paragon reports

seeing several schools of mackerel a few day ago, 25 miles west southwest of Sable Island light.

A few barrels of salt mackerel came to Boston from Yarmouth, N. S., yesterday. They went 140 count to the barrel.

Foreign Mackerel.

Advices from Dingle, Ireland, under date of June 21 state that 90,000 mackerel were landed and cured the past week, the fish going 340 to 380 to the barrel.

An ocean steamer at Boston yesterday brought 150 barrels of salt mackerel from Liverpool, England.

The Nova Scotia salted catch on the Cape Shore this season was about 8000 barrels. Last season it was better than 25,000 barrels. This makes the total Cape Shore salted catch about 18,500 barrels against about 40,000 barrels last season.

Two Vessels Were in Luck.

Capt. Malloch of sch. Indiana, which is at Boston this morning with 5000 fresh mackerel, is a lucky man in two ways. First he got his fish on the Rips, a hard place to fish at best and get anything, and secondly, he struck a great big price, which more than paid him for running with his 5000 fish. Sometimes this amount of fish would have brought him about \$400, but at the price he received, 26 cents per fish, he brought a big paying piece of property.

Capt. Malloch reports quite a lot of fish on the Rips, but he adds that they were very wild and awfully hard to catch. That's the trouble with seining; if there are plenty of fish, there is always some drawback. But that is fishermen's luck.

The netter Mabel Leavitt, Capt. Ernest Stevens, was right in luck yesterday. She was bound home from south netting to fit for swordfishing and ran into Boston to land her fare of 900 fresh mackerel. She struck a bare and hungry market and got 28 cents per fish.

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LEFT CAPTAIN ON WHARF.

Crew of Portland Gasolene Boat Sailed with Sloop and Fish.

Capt. Lemuel C. Hines of this city in command of the Portland fishing sloop St. Paul, rushed into the custom house at Rockland, Me., Wednesday afternoon with the report that the crew had run away with the vessel and its fare, consisting of 9000 pounds of fish.

He had come ashore to negotiate the sale of the fish, and hardly landed before the sloop, which had a seven-horse power gasoline engine, was started seaward. He notified Collector F. W. Wight, who made an endeavor to head off the revenue cutter Woodbury at Whitehead. The cutter had not been reported, however, when the office closed.

The crew of the St. Paul consists of three Nova Scotia fishermen, who are distant relatives of the captain. The vessel is managed by the Trefethens of Portland, and one of the principal owners is Reuben Johnson of Baileys Island. Capt. Hines finds himself stranded with no clothing except that in which he stands and an old coat, which the crew considerably threw on the wharf before sailing.

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Hauled Up Coral.

A handsome piece of coral, white as snow, and several feet long, and attached to a stone weighing fully 30 pounds, was hauled up on Brown's bank, by two of the crew of sch. Kineo on her recent trip.

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Dory Handline Salt Cod Prices.

The Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company has made the price on its three trips of salt bank dory handline salt cod, now home at \$3.12½ per hundred weight for large and \$2.87½ for mediums. This is 25 cents per hundred weight above the going price of trawl bank cod, and a nice figure.

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NO GROUND FISH AT BOSTON.

Receipts Confined to Swordfish and Fresh Mackerel.

T wharf has a let-up today, after the fish glut of the past three days. There are only seven vessels in with fish, but they have just the kind of fish the dealers want, and they are paying good prices for all in sight.

Four of the Portland swordfishing fleet are there with good fares, and the only ground trip in is sch. Emerald with a small fare. She struck a good market, getting \$3.25 right through for what she had.

Sch. Indiana, Capt. Almon D. Mallock, has 5000 fresh mackerel, and the dealers wanted them badly, running the price up to 26 cents per fish.

Yesterday afternoon the netter Mabel Leavitt had 900 fresh mackerel and got 28 cents each for them. Mackerel are good property just at present.

These are hard days for everyone at T wharf. The fishermen are getting small prices for their fish, and the dealers, who paid high prices for what they bought Monday and Tuesday, and had a good deal of Tuesday's fish left Wednesday, had to drop their prices and pocket the loss. Thursday they were still in the hole, with a slow market, and a lot of fish on hand.

Some of the fishermen were so discouraged by the result of the two trips that they took their bags out of the vessels yesterday morning, and went home to stay until fishing pays better.

The arrivals in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Lochinvar, 44 swordfish.
Sch. Katie L. Palmer, 36 swordfish.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 40 swordfish.
Sch. Fanny Hayden, 56 swordfish.
Sch. Indiana, 5000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Emerald, 5000 haddock, 300 cod.
Sch. Mabel Leavitt, 900 fresh mackerel.
Haddock, \$3.25 per cwt.; cod, \$3.25; swordfish, 12 cts. per lb.; fresh mackerel, 26 cts. each.

Weighed Off Large Fares.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. George Nelson, weighed off 153,000 pounds of salt cod as the result of her recent Cape North salt shack trip, stocking \$4252.89. This is the largest trip and stock in this fishery this season. It is Capt. Nelson's first trip fishing for several years and shows that the "old reliable" is right in the game as of yore. Capt. Nelson still holds the record for the biggest stock on a fresh and salt cod shack trip, made in sch. Hiram Lowell, some 10 or more years ago. The crew will share pretty close to \$100 on the present trip. Capt. Nelson will now fit the vessel for a dory handline codfishing trip.

Sch. Kineo, Capt. John G. Stream, weighed off nearly 40,000 pounds of halibut as the result of her recent 17 days trip to Brown's bank, stocking \$3950, the crew getting the fine share of \$129.18. The vessel will stay in over the Fourth.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Corona was at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday and sch. Mildred on Wednesday for ice.

Sch. Mildred Robinson was at Liverpool, N. S., Tuesday.

Schs. Arkona and Paragon were at Shelburne, N. S., and cleared.

Sch. Kernwood arrived at Yarmouth, N. S., Saturday with 12,000 lbs. of halibut and 8,000 lbs. of cod. Capt. Sims reports an abundance of dogfish on the grounds.

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RAISE IN SPLITTING PRICES

Although Fish Is in Increased Receipt Here.

Since last report, the vessels have been pouring fish in here in good shape, about all kinds being represented in the lot and some of the fares being good ones, with all the fish well cared for and in good shape. Fresh cod and haddock predominate, the splitters getting live market fish for their knives.

The predicted rise in the price of splitting fish came with the numerous arrivals and the Board of Trade figures of \$1.70 for large and \$1.50 for medium cod, really good prices, were lost sight of beneath yesterday's quotations of \$2 for large cod, \$1.65 for medium cod, with 65 and 67½ cents for haddock, the previous sales on the latter being 60 cents and going slow at that.

Yesterday afternoon and early evening 11 vessels came down from Boston with fares of from 15,000 to 55,000 pounds of fine live haddock and cod to split and the halbuters Paragon and Tacoma also came along with fair trips.

Three of the little gasliners, which arrived in the early morning with fresh porgies, got out and back again by night with from 3000 to 10,000 pounds each of pollock.

This morning sch. Oliver F. Kilham, Capt. William Goodwin, has 50,000 pounds of salt cod, one of the finest Rips fares of the season and steamer Herbert and Emma darted in with 100 barrels of porgies.

Sch. Georgia, home from south seining to go on the railway and paint, had 1100 fresh mackerel taken a day or so ago.

About 9 o'clock sch. J. J. Flaherty one of the biggest vessels of the port, commanded by Capt. Fred LeBlanc, came in from a salt bank dory handline trip with a fine catch, 270,000 pounds or better of salt cod. Capt. LeBlanc is one of the quiet, steady goers who always gets what he goes after.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Tacoma, Gulf of St. Lawrence, 22,000 lbs. halibut, 6000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Paragon, Gulf of St. Lawrence, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 5000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Quero Bank, 270,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, Rips, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Josie and Phebe, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Georgia, South Shoal, 1100 fresh mackerel.
Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 100 bbls. fresh porgies.
Steamer Independence II., shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bessie A., shore, 3600 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Marchant, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Richard, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Appomattox, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessel's Sailed.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, swordfishing.
Sch. Cynthia, seining.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, haddocking.
Sch. Leo, haddocking.
Sch. Sylvia N. Nunan, haddocking.
Sch. Azorean, Rips.
Sch. Mystery, salt shacking.
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, seining.

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Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$2.75.
 Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.
 Outside sales fresh western cod, large \$2. market \$1.65; haddock 65c and 67½c.
 Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.30 per cwt. for large; \$3.10 for mediums.
 Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50.
 Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.12½ per cwt. for large and \$2.87½ for medium.
 Bank halibut, 10c per lb. for white and 8c per lb. for gray.
 Fresh mackerel, 18c each.
 Salt Cape Shore mackerel, \$10.50 per bbl.
 Board of Trade prices:
 Large drift Georges cod, \$3.40 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.
 Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.
 Splitting prices for fresh fish,
 Western cod, large, \$1.70 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.
 Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.87 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.
 Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium snappers, \$1.
 Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
 Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

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FIVE SEINERS GET BULL'S EYES.

Good Trips of Hard-head Mackerel Landed at Block Island Today.

Fish Are of Different Variety Than the Ordinary Mackerel.

The unexpected is always happening in the mackerel fishery and that fact was never truer than today when word was received from Newport, R. I., of the arrival there of five of the seining fleet, with from 80 to 200 barrels each of fresh mackerel, only, to the surprise of all, the fish are not the kind the vessels have been getting heretofore, but are "bulls eyes," or more commonly called, "hard heads."

These are small fish, mackerel all right, weighing about half a pound each and called by the latter name because of the hardness of the head to split with a mackerel splitting knife. They are mackerel, but of a different genus than the scromber scrombus with which all are a great more familiar.

Each fall some of these species are caught out around Block Island, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, generally by the small boats which go hooking, and sometimes by the seiners, but generally somewhat later in the season. Some 10 years ago or more these bulls eyes were extra plenty out that way and big catches were made of them. To the seiners it was known as the "hard head year," and as such it is always referred to. It was a difficult job to split them and salt them, as they went from 600 to 1100 to the salted barrel.

The following vessels are at Newport this morning with fares of these fish:

Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis, 200 barrels.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, Capt. Howard Nunan, 150 barrels.

Sch. Oriole, Capt. Charles H. Harty, between 80 and 100 barrels.

Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Lemuel Firth, between 80 and 100 barrels.

Sch. Harmony, Capt. Augustus G. Hall, between 80 and 100 barrels.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall at Newport, R. I., yesterday afternoon with 2500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Emily Cooney, Capt. Patrick Murphy, is also at Newport this morning, but it is not known what he has, if anything.

The skippers report getting their fish yesterday in the neighborhood of the South Shoal lightship. The fares of schs. Oriole and Harmony sold to the freezer at Newport at two cents per pound and the Aloha is coming here with her fare.

Capt. Charles W. Powers, the well known fish buyer, who has been at Newport all the season, came home here this morning. He reports that

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Capt. Frank Hall of sch. Ralph L. Hall, who was at that port yesterday, got his haul near the South Shoal lightship and says that the outlook is poor, there being very few fish showing and only a few seen on the Rips. Capt. James Ellis of sch. Nellie Dixon reported quite a lot of fish showing off Montauk a few days ago, but he could do nothing with them. Schs. Dauntless, Constellation and others had cruised all over Georges and not seen a sign of a mackerel. The catching of the bulls eyes off the lightship, at this time, he considered most unusual.

Schools Sighted in Bad Locality.

Few are expected at Boston, as the skippers know that this is a half holiday at T wharf, with Sunday and the Fourth following, and unless any of them had a large haul, they would not run to market but would stay on the grounds with what they have, hoping to get more and be to market Tuesday.

The report that the fish have struck on the Rips and are wild is not at all encouraging and all would a great deal rather have heard of fish around the lightship or on Georges. Last year the latter ground failed entirely, but one trip being taken there, all the fish being on the Rips, the worst possible kind of a fishing ground, dangerous to vessels, hard on the captains and crews and wearing on the seines.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, at Newport, R. I., yesterday, got 24 cents each for her fresh mackerel.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson was at Newport yesterday afternoon.

A letter from a Times correspondent at Portland states that they seem to be picking up small lots of mixed mackerel all along the Maine shore. The fish run from tinkers to 1 1-2 pound fish but there is no body to them as yet.

The following table shows the salt and fresh mackerel catch of the New England fleet to date this year and for the past five seasons:

Year	Salt	Fresh
1909	11,681 barrels	30,354 barrels
1908	14,872 barrels	33,018 barrels
1907	9,503 barrels	31,720 barrels
1906	4,596 barrels	23,115 barrels
1905	15,643 barrels	34,803 barrels
1904	13,500 barrels	40,708 barrels

The imports of new salt mackerel at Boston to date this year and to date for the past five years, are as follows:

1909	498 barrels
1908	3527 barrels
1907	364 barrels
1906	2770 barrels
1905	3620 barrels
1904	255 barrels

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WILL SUE FOR GEAR DESTROYED.

Action to be Brought Against the French Steam Trawlers.

French Outfitter Conducted Successful Suit Last Year.

The sequel to the trouble between the Gloucester fishing sch. Senator Gardner and the French steam trawler on Quero Banks a few weeks ago, says a North Sydney, C. B., dispatch, will probably develop here in the course of a few days, when the big trawler Nordcapper comes to port for bunker coal.

The dispatch says: "The Gorton-Pew Fish Co., of Gloucester, owners of the Senator Gardner, have been in communication with the leading law firms here for a week regarding the matter, and an action for damages against the French steamer will be instituted as soon as she reaches port. The Nordcapper is now at St. Pierre, where she is landing her season's catch of 2,500 quintals of fish.

"The Gloucester company will also, it is said, take action against the trawler Jeanett for interference with the sch. Smuggler, whose skipper, Patrick Shea, claims he was over-crowded on the banks by the trawler and gear and lines valued at over \$1,000 destroyed.

"Besides the Nordcapper and Jeanett, there are 16 other trawlers against which charges of destruction of gear and interference have been preferred by the owners and masters of sailing craft engaged in the bank fisheries. The Gorton-Pew Company, it is said, base their hopes for damages against the owners of the Nordcapper on the success of Messrs. Lechaute, of St. Malo, in an action against the trawler Imbrim two years ago. The Imbrim had destroyed fishing gear belonging to the French schooner Notre Dame de

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la Garde, and on her return to France action for damages was instituted against Messrs. Pengee, owners of the trawler, who were mulcted for heavy damages.

St. Pierre Fishing Interests Organized.

"A society has recently been organized at St. Pierre to look after the interests of the French fishermen in their fight against the trawlers, and if redress cannot be had through the courts bloodshed will result."

"A telegram from St. Pierre states that local fishermen there are much incensed over the havoc wrought by the trawling fleet and the indifference displayed by the owners and captains

of these destroying craft. It is estimated that on the 215 bargues and sailing crafts coming from France to the banks yearly no less than 10,000 people are dependent solely for a livelihood. What the result of the uninterrupted scope of the present 31 trawlers operating here would be to these people is almost beyond belief. It would of a certainty spell famine for the majority. With these facts in view a powerful organization has been formed in St. Pierre composed of representatives of French shipping interests whose sole purpose will be the prosecution of trawlers owners for every offence committed against French sailing crafts.

"Local fishermen" and others closely connected with the industry in Cape Breton were informed that unless prompt measures are taken to safeguard the interests of handline fishermen on the banks it will only be a comparatively short time when sailing vessels will be a thing of the past on the banks. This would mean large losses to local fishermen as well as to merchants at Canso, Hawkesbury and particularly here where a majority of the American and Nova Scotia fleet spend considerable money in the purchase of supplies and bait. On the other hand only a small amount is left here by the occasional visit of the steam trawlers whose principal mission is for coal.

Captains of Trawlers Deny Damage to Fisheries.

"As in all other cases in which a grievance is vented there are two sides to every story. In interviews with the commanders of five steam trawlers which called here, within the past few days it is learned that the trawling mode of fishing on the banks is only in its initial stage.

"Why," said one captain, "this idea of trawlers depleting the grounds is all nonsense. Take for instance, the case of trawlers on the coast of Iceland. There are 25 trawlers engaged there for the past 20 years and a fleet of 46 sailing vessels. This year the catches by the latter as well as by the trawlers has been a record one, which goes to show the steam trawler is not the menace it is pictured."

"Other French captains of trawlers in reply to a query said that the damages sustained by American and other fishermen lately is due to carelessness displayed by ground trawl liners who spread their lines over the grounds for miles. The steam trawler does its work mostly at night and sometimes unconsciously the damage is done, but never voluntarily. They all assert that the same rule applies to the steam crafts as to the hand liners that the banks belong as much to one as to the other and that they do not purpose to make way for those who say they are encroaching."

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Halibut Sales.

The fare of halibut of sch. Tacoma, sold to the New England Fish Co. and that of sch. Paragon to the American Halibut Company at 8 cents per pound for white and 6 cents per pound for grey.

Harbor Notes.

Schs. Paragon and Frances P. Mesquita are on Parkhurst's railways.

Schs. Belbina P. Domingoes and Clara G. Silva are on Burnham's railways.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Arkona and Onato were at Liverpool, N. S., on Wednesday.

Steamer Dolphin was at Portland Thursday night with 70 barrels of fresh shad.

Salt Cod Fare.

Sch. Oliver F. Killham, Capt. George Horne, weighed off 53,000 pounds of salt cod, as the result of her recent Rips trip, stocking \$1560.

Big Swordfish.

One of the swordfish in the trip of sch. Mary E. Sinnett, at Boston yesterday, weighed 500 pounds.